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Requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is a serious commitment, and one not to be taken lightly. With the gifts of the Holy Spirit, you will receive the strength and courage to truly live your life as a Catholic Christian. As you face life's many challenges, you will never be alone; the Holy Spirit will be with you to guide you.

However, it is your choice to welcome, and embrace this gift from God. Please prayerfully consider why you want to receive Confirmation, and how you will live your life in the fullness of our faith.

Once you have reflected on the Sacrament and it's meaning to you, write a short essay. Use the guidelines below to help you.

- Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself. Tell something about your family and your background.
- Paragraph 2: Request the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Give several reasons why you would like to be confirmed.
- Paragraph 3: Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you explain specific parts of your preparation; your prayer life, your celebration of other sacraments, along with your service for others at home, in the parish and in the community.
- Paragraph 4: Tell how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Spirit.

Essays should be printed. Include your full name, the date, and the words "Request for Confirmation" in the upper left corner. Return your essay to your Religious Education Instructor by the date assigned.

